

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) A pressure-sensitive tape, comprising:
a backing layer consisting of a uniform material of planar construction;
[[an]] a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer supported by the backing layer and
a peelable protective film ~~overlaying~~ in contact with the adhesive layer, the
protective film including at least one slit running in a longitudinal direction of the
tape, the tape being folded upon itself in a transverse direction along a particular one
of the at least one slit in such a manner that a folded edge of the tape is defined
thereby and at least a portion of the protective film which is adjacent to said folded
edge is disposed as an outwardly facing layer on a side of the tape opposite to a side
on which a remaining portion of the protective film is disposed as an outer surface,
a lateral longitudinal section of said tape including perforations formed at least
through said backing layer and said adhesive layer, a central region of said tape being
free of the perforations.

2. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1, wherein said at least one
slit includes two slits, said tape being folded along said particular one of the two slits
in the transverse direction.

3. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing comprises at least one of paper and a plastic film, and the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive acrylate adhesive.

4. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing is hand tearable transversely to the longitudinal direction of the tape.

5. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein:
the adhesive layer has a non-adhering central strip; and
said particular one slit along which the tape is folded is disposed along a line between the non-adhering central strip and an adjoining region of the adhesive layer.

6. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein said folded tape is in a form of a roll.

7. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 6, further comprising an intermediate layer which is provided at least at a side of the roll at which the folded edge of the tape is disposed.

8. (Previously presented) A combination of the tape of claim 6 and a dispenser for storing the tape and for unrolling of the tape therefrom thereby to dispense the tape.

9. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 8, wherein means are provided at least a side of the roll at which the folded edge of the tape is disposed for preventing adhesion to the dispenser.

10. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the tape is at least 3 to 4 cm wide when not folded.

11. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein at least another lateral longitudinal section of said tape includes perforations formed at least through said backing layer and said adhesive layer.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein said perforations extend through the backing layer, the adhesive layer and the protective film.

14. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing comprises an open-pored material which exhibits adhesion properties for plaster.

15. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the perforations have an average diameter of at least 3 millimeters.

16. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 15, wherein the perforations are at least one of essentially circular, polygonal and oval.

17. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 8, wherein the dispenser has at least one outlet slot for the tape.

18. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 8, wherein the dispenser is comprised of cardboard.

19. (Currently amended) A pressure-sensitive tape, comprising:
a backing layer consisting of a uniform material of planar construction;
[[an]] a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer supported by the backing layer; ~~said adhesive layer having a longitudinally extending non-adhering central strip~~; and
a protective film in contact with the adhesive layer the protective film including at least one slit running in a longitudinal direction of the tape, the tape being folded upon itself in a transverse direction along a particular one of the at least one slit in such a manner that a folded edge of the tape is defined thereby and at least a portion of the protective film which is adjacent to said folded edge is disposed as an outwardly facing layer on a side of the tape opposite to a side on which a remaining portion of the protective film is disposed as an outer surface, ~~said particular one slit along which the tape is folded being disposed along a line between the non-adhering central strip and an adjoining region of the adhesive layer.~~

20. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 19, wherein said at least one slit includes two slits, said tape being folded along said particular one of the two slits in the transverse direction.

21. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein said backing layer comprises at least one of paper and a plastic film, and said adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive acrylate adhesive.

22. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein the backing layer is hand tearable transversely to the longitudinal direction of the tape.

23. (Currently amended) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein at least a lateral longitudinal section of said tape includes perforations formed at least through said backing layer and said adhesive layer.[[.]]

24. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein said folded tape is in a form of a roll.

25. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 24, further comprising an intermediate layer which is provided at least at a side of the roll at which the folded edge of the tape is disposed.

26. (Previously presented) A combination of the tape of claim 24 and a dispenser for storing the tape and for unrolling of the tape therefrom thereby to dispense the tape.

27. (Currently amended) The combination of claim 26, wherein means are provided at least a side of the roll at which the folded edge of the tape is disposed for preventing adhesion to the dispenser.

28. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein the tape is at least 3 to 4 cm wide when not folded.

29. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 23, wherein said perforations extend through the backing layer, the adhesive layer and the protective film.

30. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein the backing comprises an open-pored material which exhibits adhesion properties for plaster.

31. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 19 or 20, wherein the perforations have an average diameter of at least 3 millimeters.

32. (Previously presented) The tape of claim 23, wherein the perforations are at least one of essentially circular, polygonal and oval.

33. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 26, wherein the dispenser has at least one outlet slot for the tape.

34. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 26, wherein the dispenser is comprised of cardboard.